

# COLONEL'S SECRETARY SENTENCED TO ISLAND

John W. McGrath Must Serve Thirty Days in Workhouse as Result of Assault.

ROOSEVELT GREATLY SHOCKED

He Does Not Believe Charge Against His Employee and Will Retain Him in His Service—Effort to Re-open Case.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, March 28.—John W. McGrath, private secretary to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, was sentenced to serve thirty days in Blackwell's Island in the Court of Special Sessions, Brooklyn, today. Although amazed and shocked when told of his own predicament, Colonel Roosevelt tonight issued a statement expressing the utmost confidence in Mr. McGrath.

A similar sentence was meted out to William Powers, counsel of McGrath. The two men were convicted of perpetrating an assault upon Charlie Lighte, of the Lighte Bottling Company, in the rear room of a Brooklyn cafe on June 11 last.

McGrath and Powers spent the night in the Raymond Street Jail. They were held incommunicado, and will be removed to Blackwell's Island early tomorrow. Both vehemently denied their guilt.

It was intimated that friends of Mr. McGrath have retained former Assistant District Attorney Robert H. Ellis, of Brooklyn, and an attempt will be made to reopen the case. McGrath was represented in court by Attorney John Hahn.

Assistant District Attorney Edward Cooper, who prosecuted the case, said that McGrath's only chance to escape the sentence of the court was to apply for a certificate of reasonable doubt for a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Even this, he said, would consume several days, and would not interfere with the prisoner being transferred to the workhouse to-morrow.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT

AMAZED AND SHOCKED

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NEW YORK, March 28.—

Amazed and shocked at the news of his secretary's sentence to the workhouse, Colonel Roosevelt tonight issued this statement at Sagamore Hill: "Mr. McGrath told me he was in a restaurant and had nothing to do with the assault except to try to interfere to save a woman from being hurt. Personally, I believe him absolutely. He has been associated with me now for nearly four years, and I have felt I could not only have absolute confidence in his energy and ability, but in his straightforward integrity. He will continue in my employ exactly as if this hadn't happened, with entirely undiminished trust and regard on my part."

It is understood that former Assistant District Attorney Robert H. Ellis, of Brooklyn, has been retained by friends of Mr. McGrath. The belief is strong among his friends here that a reopening of the case will establish McGrath's innocence.

McGrath was here yesterday in pursuit of his duties, but said nothing of the trial to-day until a short time ago he was a resident of Oyster Bay.

In addition to being secretary to Colonel Roosevelt, McGrath is also acting secretary of the national committee of the Progressive Party.

FRENCH HURL BACK

WAVES OF GERMANS

(Continued from First Page.)

News Bureau, the semi-official German agency, The statement says:

"The fruitless attacks of the Russians, in which sixty of their divisions have participated, against Field Marshal von Hindenburg's front, are continuing. The Russian casualties so far are estimated at not less than 10,000 men on a front of 125 kilometers (about seventy-five miles)."

"On March 19 seven Russian regiments attacked a German cavalry brigade. In this fighting the Russians lost about 3,000 men, while the Germans lost two killed and six wounded. Later on a cavalry detachment made a counterattack and captured 160 Russians."

"The German positions are so excellently fortified and provided with so many machine guns and cannon that it is considered the Russian attacks are doomed to fail. The German lines have not been shaken."

The latest headquarters statement on the fighting says:

"The Russians drove fresh masses of troops against our lines near Postavy. The heroic resistance of the troops of the Saarbrück corps enabled us to withstand all the Russian attacks in this neighborhood. These troops, supported on their flank by Brandenburg, Hanoverian and Halle corps, checked repeated onslaughts made by two Russian divisions (40,000 men). The most severe losses were inflicted upon the Russians."

"Repeated Russian attacks under cover of darkness near Mokrzyce met a similar fate. These attacks were made in an attempt to recover lost ground."

ENGLISH HOLD GROUND

TAKEN FROM GERMANS

LONDON, March 28.—The British official statement issued tonight on the campaign in France and Belgium reads:

"In spite of a very heavy hostile artillery fire last night and at intervals to-day, our infantry successfully held the ground gained by them yesterday at St. Eloi. Our artillery fire was very effective in replying to that of the enemy."

"The total prisoners taken up to now, amount to five officers and 195 men of other ranks."

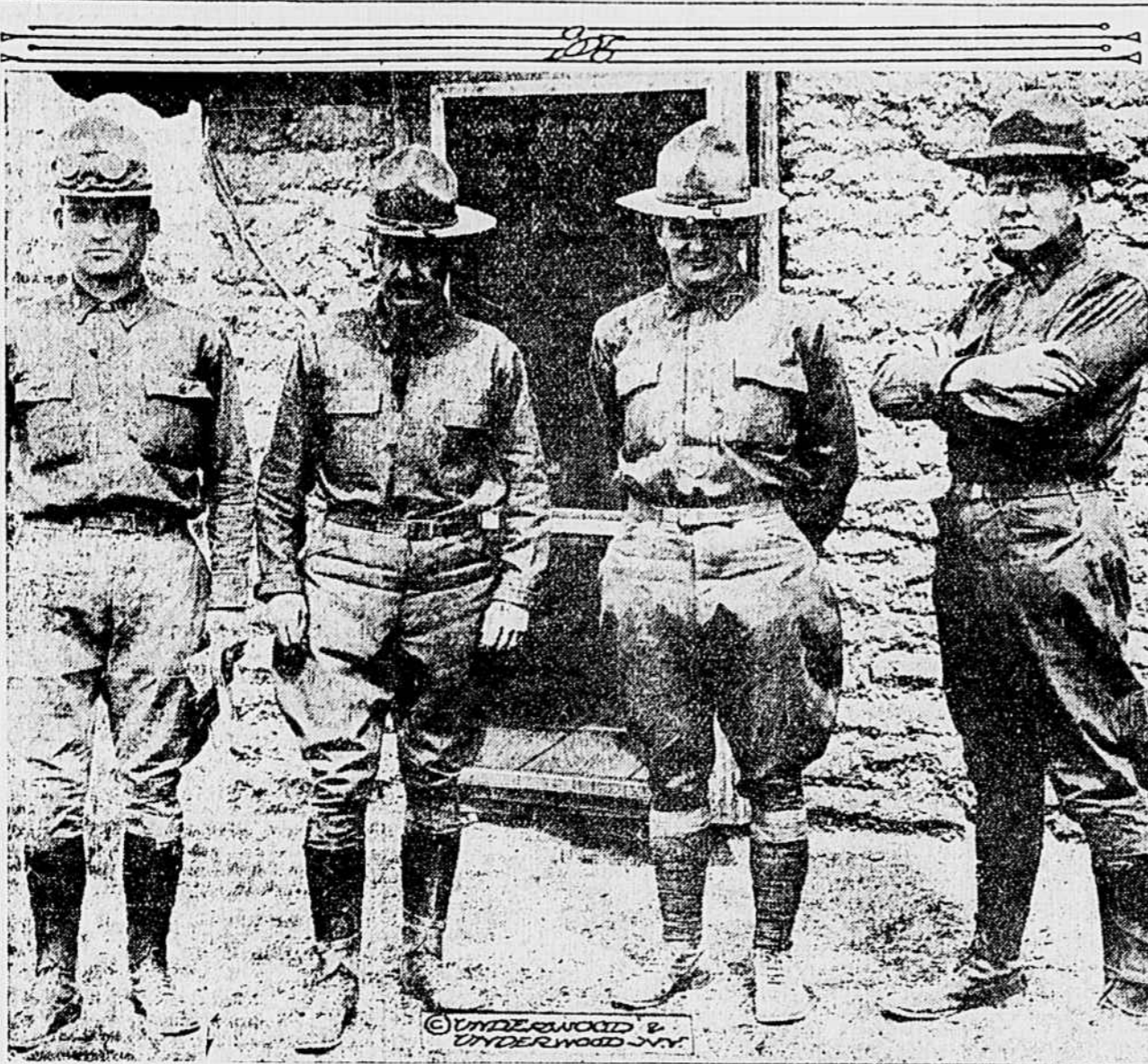
"There was hostile artillery and trench mortar activity against our positions between Loos and Hulluch and in front of Aix Neuville to-day. We retallied by snelling the enemy's positions."

There were three casualties to officers in recent raids, the under-secretary said, but they were not due to acts of hostile raiders.

The government was again heckled in the House of Commons to-night on the inefficiency of the British aircraft service and defense against Zeppelins by Noel Pemberton Billing, recently elected a member on the question of air preparedness, and other members, who accused the members of parsimony and neglect of valuable inventions offered to them, and declared that the public interest was being sacrificed to ignorance and intrigue among the higher officials.

Mr. Tennant made conciliatory answers to these charges, and promised that a body would be appointed to consider the report to Parliament. He admitted that at present a majority of the German aeroplanes probably were faster than a majority of the

## United States Army Officials at Columbus, N. M.



Dr. O. L. Brunzell, censor; Major Sample, commanding officer; Dr. C. H. Danielson, ordnance officer; Lieutenant Allan Gullion, adjutant of the base.

British, but said he expected soon to have a number of machines superior to those of the Germans. The War Office, he said, was more hopeful than ever of dealing successfully with Zeppelin raids.

ANOTHER BRITISH

STEAMER IS LOST

LONDON, March 28.—The British steamer Eagle Point, 5,225 tons, has been sunk, according to Lloyd's. The crew was saved.

CAPTAIN SAYS

WAS DESTROYED BY MINE

LONDON, March 28.—The crew of the Danish steamer Corwalde, of Copenhagen, has been landed at Harwich, according to a dispatch to Lloyd's. The captain of the vessel reports that she struck a mine.

GERMANS LAUNCH ATTACK

AND ARE DRIVEN BACK

PARIS, March 28.—A bombardment of great violence against the French positions from Avocourt to Bethincourt, west of the Meuse, was followed this afternoon by a German attack which was launched against the Haucourt-Malancourt fort. The attack was repulsed with heavy losses, according to the official statement issued by the French War Office to-night.

The text follows:

"In the Aronne our artillery continued active against the enemy organizations north of Houyet, in the sector of La Fontaine-aux-Charmes and Houche Chevauchee, as well as in Eastern Aronne."

"Our fire, directed on an enemy battery in the Montfaucou wood, caused a violent explosion."

"West of the Meuse the bombardment was resumed with violence in the course of the day against our positions extending from Avocourt to Bethincourt. About 3 o'clock the Germans launched a powerful attack against our Haucourt-Malancourt front. The successive waves of the assault were all repulsed by our curtain fire, and the fire of the infantry."

"The second lines east of the Meuse have been bombarded."

"In the Woivre our artillery concentrated its fire on visible points of the enemy front."

"In the Vosges the artillery action was quite spirited in the region of Woswiler, Muhlbach and Hartmanns-Wellerkopf."

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAITS

Pictures of Two Distinguished North Carolinians to Be Placed in Confederate Museum.

Prior to the meeting of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society this morning at the Confederate Museum, there will take place the formal presentation of two portraits in the North Carolina room, the exercises to be at 10:30 o'clock. One of the portraits will be of the late Major Grith Randolph Smith, who was officially decided by the United Confederate Veterans at the Richmond reunion last June to have been the designer of the Confederate flag, and the other will be of Colonel Eliden Tyler Bennett, of the Fourteenth North Carolina Regiment, after the war a member of Congress from North Carolina and editor of a paper at Wadesboro.

The presentation address will be made by Dr. J. Allison Hodges, and the portraits will be received for the North Carolina room by Mrs. E. E. Moffett.

RETAIL CLERKS' SMOKER

A smoker has been arranged by the Retail Clerks' Association, to be held to-night at 8:15 o'clock at Murphy's Hotel. All retail clerks of the city are invited. Among the speakers will be Aldermen John J. Mitchell, J. C. Duke, R. T. Bowden and Howard T. Colvin.

THREE MEN KILLED

Twenty Others Are Injured by Explosion in Mine of King Coal and Coke Company.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., March 28.—Three men were killed and twenty injured by an explosion to-day in the mine of the King Coal and Coke Company. Four of the injured were severely burned, and their condition is serious.

WATERS ARE RECEDING

COLUMBUS, O., March 28.—Flood waters in rivers throughout Ohio were receding rapidly to-night, and Weather Bureau officials declared all danger had passed.

Residents throughout Ohio, however, have been notified that waters from the Allegheny River would reach Ohio on Thursday or Friday morning.

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Many of the purchasers re-sold their lots at a profit while the sale was going on and in turn again purchased lots before leaving the property.

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WANT ATHLETIC FIELD

Options Taken for City on Two Sites in Northeast Section of City.

The Northeast Citizens' Association will hold a mass-meeting to-night at 8 o'clock in the Fairmount School to urge upon the City Council the necessity of providing that section of the city with an athletic field and park.

The association wants the Fairfield Race Track, on which Dr. William H. Parke holds for the Richmond Athletic Federation an option of \$50,000. An option of \$10,000 has been taken by the city on the Luck property, which was also suggested as an athletic field and park site, but agents of the Peter Paul estate are willing to take this option off the city's hands if the race track be purchased.

The race track comprises fifty acres, thirty of which the citizens want for an athletic field. The remainder, it was explained by President William H. Adams, of the Board of Aldermen, to the Finance Committee last night, can be improved by the city, laid off in streets and be sold for more than the whole tract cost.

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Woodward on Nineteenth Street by Police. He was in an extremely intoxicated condition, died at the hospital early yesterday morning. Death is said to have been due to natural causes, and Coroner Taylor considered an inquest unnecessary.

Montgomery, a single man, is survived by two brothers, W. C. and Joseph Montgomery, who are in business at 11 South Fifteenth Street.

FAIL TO PASS EXAMINATION

Two of the recently-elected policemen failed to pass the physical tests of the Police Department, and will not be among those who begin work on April 1. The Board of Police Commissioners will elect two other men in their places at the meeting to-night.

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LEAVE FOR CHARLESTON

Mrs. F. G. Riggs and Miss Fannie Riggs, of 2207 West Grace Street, left last night for Charleston, W. Va., to attend the wedding of Miss Agnes Chilton, and Eugene Mayer, of Norfolk.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER

N. N. Kahn was arrested yesterday by Police Sergeant Zimmer and Patrolmen Thomas and Boisseau on a charge of being a suspicious character. All the candidates have been suspected of stealing \$100 from E. D. Elwood.

NO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

Republicans of Louisiana Select Their Delegates to National Convention of Party.

NEW ORLEANS, March 28.—The Louisiana State Republican Convention today selected twelve delegates, including four at large, to the National Republican Convention, in Chicago next June. The delegates to the convention will be uninstructed for any candidate.

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